

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-10 and 12-27 are pending in this application. Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claims 2 and 11 contain allowable subject matter.

By this amendment, independent claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 10, 12, 13 and 15 are amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter recited in claims 2 and 11 to place this application in condition for allowance. Claims 2 and 11 are canceled.

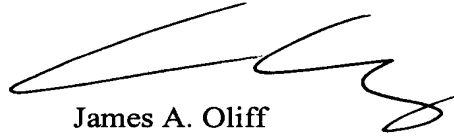
Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the amendments:

(a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; and
(b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration since the amendments only incorporate allowable subject matter in dependent claims into independent claims. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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